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Encouragement for areca cultivation inside Reserve forests – Request for			

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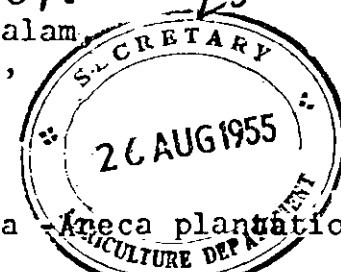
PUTTUR
SOUTH KANARA

Dated, 23 - 8 - 1955.

To

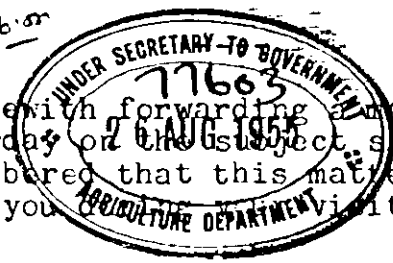
The Hon'ble Sri M.Bhaktavatsalam,
Minister for Agriculture,
Government of Madras,
Madras.



Sir,

Sub: Leases - South Kanara - Areca plantation

Ref: Letter dated 24-3-1955 signed by me and three others, M.L.As.



I am herewith forwarding a mass petition received yesterday on the subject stated above. It may be remembered that this matter has been pressed before you during your visit to Puttur, last time.

I learn that the matter has been considered by you and a G.O. permitting leases has been issued. I shall be very much obliged if you kindly communicate to me the G.O.,

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K.Venkataramanagowda
M.L.A

Before the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Forests,
Government of Madras

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Humble pepresentation submitted by the Tax Payers and Wargadars of Puttur and Kasargode Taluks of South Kanara Dt.

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Dated, 16 8 5[illegible]

Respected Sir,

Sub: Encouragement for areca cultivation inside the Reserve Forests - request for --

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The arecanuts grown in the District of South Kanara form the main product of export trade of the district. Still from an overall picture of the district, it is seen that the arecanuts are grown only on pretty small plots of land and not on large tracts of land. The cultivation in such plots is uneconomic while in large tracts it is very profitable.

2. For the arecanut plantation perennial water supply is very essential. So wherever there are fields with plenty of water such fields have been and are being reclaimed year after year into areca gardens. As a consequence, to the existing small gardens. more gardens of small extent are annually added with the result, the extent of number of fields meant for paddy cultivation gets by show process diminished year after year.

Inspite of the growing export trade of arecanuts the entire district of South Kanara, is not ina position to boast of vast and extensive gardens or blocks of gardens. This is not because there is no scope for raising such big blocks, but because such extensive lands fit for intensive cultivation are mainly situated either inside the Government Reserve Forests or within the jurisdiction of the Forest Department. Such extensive trats eminently fit for arecanuts are at present lying therein as wast lands with plenty of overflowing water. Water sources are going to waste. Virgin soil of that nature if, put to right use and

well harnessed, it goes without saying that the arecanut cultivation in the district can be increased manifolds. In its wane the question of unemployment and crowding in big cities and villages will be easily solved.

4. Perhaps, because of such advantages, the Government in 1938 ptoclaimed its policy of encouraging the reclamation of such large scale arecanut plantations in the plots in the Reserved Forests and ordered that all such suitable lands inside the Reserved Forests could be leased out to the members of the public interested in that behalf, vide G.No.1994 Development dated 15-8-1938.

5. Agreeably to the invitation some of the leading and enterprising Agriculturists of the District came forward and the Government issued the necessary orders as per the 'Crown Grants Act' whereunder such cultivable lands inside the Reservef Forests are to be leased out.

6. Accordingly a few leases were already granted by the Forest Department in 1944 and thereafter. The term of the Grant or leases were however not upto mark, but mainly unilateral and entirely favouring the lessor. By those terms the lessees werebound hand and foot and were as a result subject to whims and fancies of the lessor. That being so, there was no full and complete response. Such of the persons who took plots on leases came to grief because of the harsh terms and naturally others intending to take plots on lease appear to have given up the idea afterwards. With the advent of the National Government; the public became enthused and filled up with bright hopes. It was thought that necessary amends would be made and the Government would give the right fillip to arecanut cultivation. The new policies enunciated, such as "Relief and Security to the Agriculturists", Tenancy Rights", Land Improvement Rights" etc. would, it was thought bring forth more applicants applying for

for the plots available and lying in plenty inside and on the outskirts of the Reserved Forests.

7. But strangely, contrary to our expectations, the result has been otherwise, instead of enticing and encouraging new cultivators, those who had already taken plots on lease are being squeezed. New applicants have been rejected. Old ones are being squeezed out on one pretext or the other on the strength of one or the other of the unsided terms of the Grant. Theft of timber from t the Reserve Forests is put forward and used as an easy handle to bundle out the lessee or the grantee from the land which brought by him into cultivation at a heavy cost and labour.

8. One lease after the other, is being surely though slowly but steadily brought to an abrupt end. The lessee is thus left to his own fate. The huge amount of labour and money spent by him is made to vanish in a trice. All this is mainly due to the unilateral clauses or terms inserted in the grants or leases.

9. Theft of timber has been going on, is going on or will go on unless iy is tackled in right earnest by the Government by appropriate methods. But to assign the causes for the thefts to the factum of such grants or leases made in favour of the grantees or lessees is to say the least unwarranted. It looks as though theft is put forward as a reason for ousting the grantee or lessees.

10. The South Kanara District contains approximately about 5½ lakhs acres of Reserved Forest area. Out of this vast area, there are at least at a modest estimate, 10,000 acres with perennial supply of water mostly eminently fit and congenial for such plantations. Uch "water logged" plots are not fit for any cultivation other than arecanuts. The Forest Department does not and cannot stand to loose in the bargain. At least 15,000 labourers can find employment. The overnment revenue also is sure to increase by about Rs 50,000- per annum.

11. he motto of "Go to the village and countryside" "Agriculture is our main support" etc and the policy underlying " 5 Year Plans, " Village Development Plans","Research Stations", "Agricultural experiments", etc., would be amply served if the question of leasing out such vast and fertile lands is wisely and rightly takled without red tapism but in right earnest by wise and efficient and broad minded persons of the department.

12. We, the Memorialists. therefore, humbly pray that the Government may be pleased to make suitable arrangements to grant such lands as are situated in the Reserve Forests and fit for Areca Plantations to as many persons as possible on liberal terms according to law through Revenue Department or by constituting a committee consisting of M.L.As,Collector of the District, District Forest Officer, District Agricultural Officer, Government Pleader and respectable and experienced Agriculturists of the District etc.

13. Correspondence in this behalf may be kindly made to the address of the first signatory Sri.M.Sham Bhat,Proprietor Sri.Durga Parameshwari Motor Service, Kadri, Mangalore whom we chose to represent us, as he is one of the aggrieved parties and knows the pros and cons of the affairs and is readily avaialable at the District Head Quarters, Mangalore on our behalf and mutual benefit and multipurposes.

We beg to remain,

Honourable Sir,

Your Humble Memorialists,

P. Krishna Bhat Advocate & Landholder Puttur

Shankar Bhat. Advocate & Landholder Puttur

Narayan Rao. Landholder. Puttur

Thimmayya S/o Padmanabhayya Land-holder
Sullia. S.K

Land holder, Bellampady

Land holder, Puttur S.K.

S.K.

M. Krishna Bhatta S/o Ishwara Bhatta land holder Jeppu village

H. Ramayya Son of Huli Somappa Gowda Landholder Brantholu

M.B. Janardhana S/o M.B. Ganapayya landholder, Mondekol Village

K. Lingappa Gowda S/O K. Krishappa Gowda Land holder modnur

P. Narayana Bhat S/o Rama Krishna Bhat. Post Kedila village.

M. Krishna Bhat S/o M. Rama Bhat Landlord Karopadi village

M. Vittal Shetty S/o M. Sankappa Shetty Mogerodi House

Bellthangady Taluk. Post Kanjipur

K. Bhaskar Rao. Advocate and land-holder, Puttur (Mk).

T. Subbanna Bhat Son of T. Krishna Bhat

Bajar village Land Holder.

P. Pattacappaki W/o Subbayapai Land Holader of Bellampady

H.V. Simha. Landholder, Alike Village

B. V. Bhat . ನಾಲ್ಕಾಣಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಪಡೆದು ಕೃಷಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡವರು . ಕಂಬಳದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಪಾರ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದವರು . ಕಂಬಳದ ಕೋಣಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಕಿ ಓಡಿಸಿದವರು . ಕಂಬಳದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಪಾರ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹೊಂದಿದವರು . ಇವರಿಂದ ಕಂಬಳದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಲವು ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡೆ .

A. Venkappa Gowda. S/o Kitta Gowda. Kanibettu

Ubaru Kaup Thoor village.

H. Leela Subba Hebbar S/o H Subraya Hebbar Kanagal. Karkal

Kuthyyaru Village

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Kukkedapadithaya S/o. Subrayapadapadithaya Ramkunja

Kadambalithy. S/o. Shrinivasa Kadambalithy Bellur Village.

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T. Ambeda Krishna Kadambalithaya

S/o. J. Shankaranarayana Kadambalithaya Bellur Village

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Kadambalithaya S/o Srinivasa Kadambalithaya Bellur village.

Nagaraja Kadambalithaya S/o N. S. Kadambalithaya.

Bellur.

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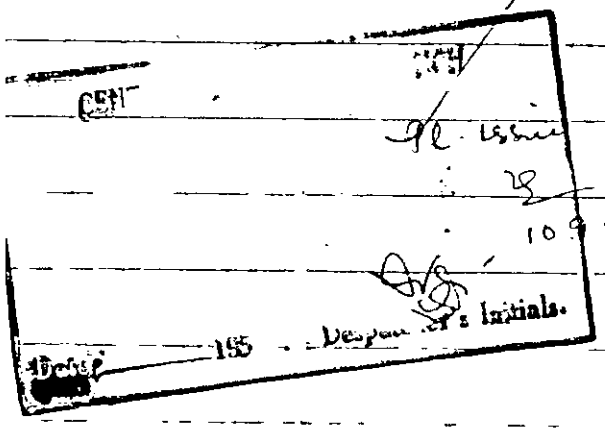

Letter No 77603 C IV / 55 - 1 dt 10.9.55

To

Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda M.L.A.,
Advocate
Puttur, P.O.
South Kanara

Sir,

Sub Forests - South Kanara Dt.
Puttur Tk - Lease of land
for areca cultivation -
Representation

W.r.t. your letter
dt 23.8.55, I am directed to
state that the Govt have

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Considered recently the question (Continuing the policy of) of leasing out suitable lands in the reserved forests for raising areca plantations, and instructions have been issued to the C.C.F. Madras to continue the policy, with due regard to the forestry point of view.

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Copy to S.F.

C.No.77603/IV/55

AGRI.DEPT.(C.IVSEC.)

Sub: Forests--South Kanara District--Puttur Taluk--Lease of land for areca cultivation--Representation.

P 1 cf

From Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A. South Kanara District, letter dt.16-8-55.

PP3-6 cf

With his letter on p. 1 c.f., Sri Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A., Puttur, S.Kanara District has forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, a mass petition rrom the Tax payers and Wargadars of Puttur and Kasaragode Taluks of South Kanara District for encouraging ~~area~~ areca cultivation inside the Reserved Forests. He has also referred to a previous letter of his on the subject, and has requested that a copy of the order passed by Govt. in the matter may be communicated to him.

P 1 cf

Para 2 on P 1 cf.

2. The Tax Payers and Wargadars in their petition to Govt. have requested ~~for~~ lease of forest lands on liberal terms for areca cultivation to as many as possible.

PP3-6 cf

3. In 1938, the Govt. passed an order approving the proposals of the then Chief Conservator of Forests for leasing out lands inside the Reserved Forests to private enterprises for raising areca plantations, in order to meet the requirements of arecanut in the country and to reduce the import of that commodity. In June 1954, the C.C.F. made a suggestion that the Forest Department should revise its policy on the question of allowing land leases for areca cultivation, and that the general orders of Govt. permitting the grant of lease of land in reserved forests for areca and such other tree plantations might be cancelled. The question was referred to the Board of Revenue, and it held the view that there was no need to revise the policy of

G.O.Ms.No.1994 Rev.D 15-P 38 Called for from records

Vide Para 3 on PP 7 & 8 cf (c)

G.O.Ms.No.1689 Agri 28-6-1954

PP1 & 2 cf (c)

P 3 cf (c)

P 9 cf (c)

Govt. in the matter of leasing of forest lands for areca plantations. While the matter was under reference to the Board of Revenue, in a letter dt. 24-3-55 signed by Sri Venkataramana Gowda and three other M.L.As, it was represented that it had been the policy of the Govt. to lease out suitable lands inside the reserved forests for areca cultivation and subsequently there was a reversal of that policy, and that a number of requests for lease of lands was rejected. The M.L.As, therefore wanted the M.(A) to look into the matter and restore the old policy of leasing out lands for the purpose of areca cultivation.

P 5-4 (C)

Para 4 on P 5-4 (C)

4. The proposals of the C.C.F. referred to in para 3 above was duly examined in the light of the remarks of the Board of Revenue in the notes on p.p. 10-15 N.F. of (C) and it was decided that there was no need for a change in the policy. The decision was also communicated to the C.C.F. in G.O. No.Ms.1689 Agri. dt.28-6-55. No special orders for grant of land on lease in reserved forests for raising areca plantations have been issued by Govt. as a result of the M.L.As' representation of 24-3-55 as stated in para 2 of the M.L.A.'s letter on p.1 CF. It does not appear to be desirable to communicate a copy of the above G.O. to the M.L.A. as it relates purely to an executive instruction issued to the C.C.F.

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P 5-4 (C)

5. As regards the mass petitions of the ~~Ryots~~ Tax Payers and Wargadars of Puttur and Kasaragode forwarded by the M.L.A. with his letter, it does not appear that any action is called for on it, in view of the orders issued in G.O.No.1689 Agri. dt.28-6-55. THE M.L.A. may perhaps be informed that the Govt. have considered recently the question of leasing out suitable lands in the reserved forests for raising areca plantations, and that instructions

PP 25-27 C-4 (C) A

have been issued to the C.C.F. to continue the policy with due regard to the forestry point of view. For orders.

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'A' at pp 3-4 5 above may be approved

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A draft letter is submitted below for approval.

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